



Jumbuck Reserve in Jumbuck Close, Woy Woy

Gosford Council land sale may breach Act, says consultant

Gosford Council may be in breach of the Local Government Act and State planning policy in its management and proposed sale of council-owned land on the Peninsula, according to an East Gosford environmental consultant.

Mr Phil Conacher of Conacher Consulting said that it appeared that the council-owned blocks on the Peninsula were not covered by a management plan, despite the Local Government Act requiring such a plan.

He said the council had also not followed the requirements of State Environmental Planning Policy 19 in its proposed sale of the land.

Mr Conacher said Jumbuck Close reserve was a "classic example" of how, without a management plan in place or adherence to SEPP19, council could be damaging any endangered ecological species or remnant flora present on the site.

"The appointment of councillors requires them to follow the rules and act just like we have to: follow traffic rules or get fined if we don't," he said.

"They have possibly destroyed a lot of other vegetation on the Jumbuck Close site and others that could have made those sites

more significant."

Mr Conacher said the parcels of community land on the Peninsula that have been earmarked for reclassification and sale by Gosford Council should have management plans in accordance with the Local Government Act.

Under the Act, all land owned by a local council that is classified as community land must have a management plan prepared for it.

Mr Conacher said: "There was a plan of management for community land, natural areas and bushland prepared by council in 2002.

"Under the Local Government Act, council can prepare a generic plan of management but must identify what land is included in it," he said.

According to Mr Conacher, the Gosford Council document has a schedule attached which lists which parcels of land were included.

"None of the Peninsula lots appears to be on the schedule," he said.

All councils in NSW had to classify all their land holdings when the Act came into law in 1993.

"All land had to be identified, even if it was a 1920 subdivision or a person may have gifted land and expect council to look after it as a reserve for the sake of that family, a management plan had to be put

in place," he said.

According to the Local Government Act, land owned by a council must be classified as either operational or community, Mr Conacher said.

Operational land included any land used for the general operations of council and includes depots, roads, and other infrastructure.

Community land was defined as land that was not operational and was generally public open spaces such as parks, reserves and conservation areas.

Community land could come into council ownership in a variety of ways: Crown land transferred to council by the State government; land set aside for community use as part of a development approval; or bequeathed to council from families, individuals or community organisations.

According to Mr Conacher, if Gosford Council failed to develop management plans for the Peninsula's reserves, it could be in breach of the Local Government Act.

Mr Conacher said that in reclassifying reserves the council had to pay regard to State Environmental Planning Policy 19 (SEPP 19), which covered the management of bushland in urban areas.

He said SEPP19 spelt out what Gosford Council must do if it intended to reclassify community bushland with characteristics of remnant vegetation.

According to Mr Conacher, SEPP19 stated that councils should give priority to retaining bushland unless it can prove a significant social, economic or environmental benefit for reclassifying it.

Its over-arching objective is to "protect and preserve bushland within urban areas... to protect remnants of plant communities which were once characteristic of land; to retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration which will enable the existing plants and animal communities to survive in the long term", he said.

He said Gosford Council may also be exposing itself to compensation claims if it had acquired land at a price based on its unimproved value and then by rezoning, perhaps for residential development, its value per hectare is increased.

He said the original vendor may have a case for being compensated for that valuation difference.

Mr Conacher also questioned why Gosford Council has launched its land sale strategy now and not undertaken a review of its land holdings when the Local Environment Plan was drafted in

2013.

"The Gosford LEP was a 15-year process. They had four or five goes at it so surely reviewing community holdings would have been part of that process," he said.

SEPP 19 instructs councils that, when drafting an LEP, council should have regard to the priority of retaining bushland, he said.

"Why wasn't it identified that they needed for residential purposes?"

He also questioned whether the resale of the reserves currently listed would be viable.

"If you were a private developer wanting to develop those lands for residential development, you'd first have to apply for rezoning and you would have to find biodiversity offsets.

"You would have to find land of a similar nature and similar locality at a ratio of 10 to one.

"It is usually the person applying for the rezoning that has to find those offsets and that is why if Gosford Council goes ahead to sell those reserves the person buying the land could do their due diligence and may find requirements of the Local Government Act haven't been met."

Interview, 20 Jan 2016
Phil Conacher, Conacher Consulting

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Twice average rainfall in just three weeks

The first three weeks of January has already seen twice the monthly average rainfall for the Peninsula.

A total of 253.2mm has been recorded until last Friday, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

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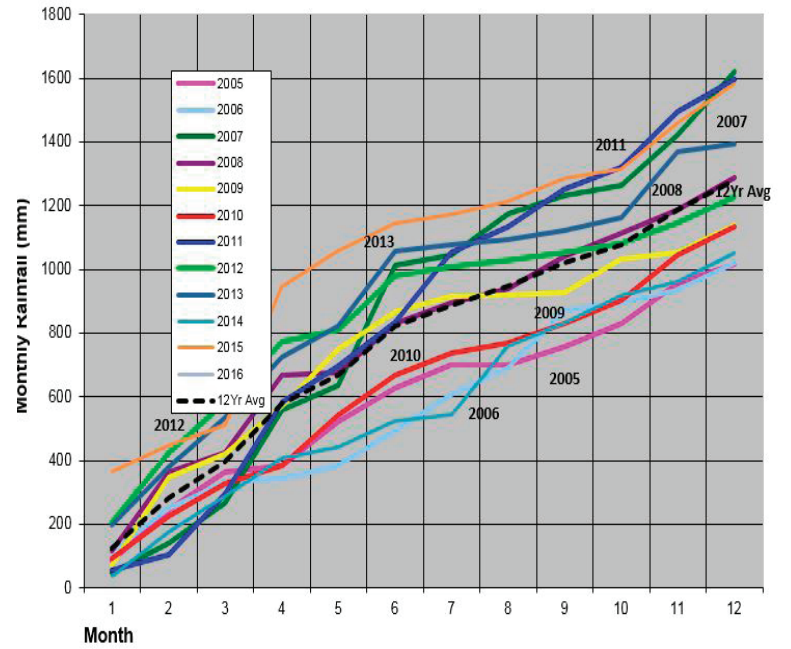
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Rainfall for 2015 was 1582mm, just behind the 2011 total of 1597mm and the 2007 total of 1622mm, which the highest annual rainfall on the Peninsula in the last 10 years.

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Spreadsheet, 22 Jan 2016
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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Application for more units in Berith St

An application to develop a three-unit residential flat building at 46 Berith St Umina has been received by Gosford Council.

The development application was lodged with the council on Tuesday, January 19 and the estimated cost of the development is \$660,000.

The developer is listed as Knight Mapleton Design Partners and the proposal is for a two-storey development.

The site is located on the western side of Berith St and is relatively flat, not bushfire prone or within a heritage conservation area, according to the application.

It currently contains a single dwelling house, according to a statement of environmental effects that accompanied the development application.

"The surrounding residential development is characterized by primarily medium density housing and an eclectic blend of one and two storey dwelling houses, ranging from modest, post-war design to dwelling houses of a contemporary appearance," the statement said.

The DA seeks consent for the demolition of the existing house and the erection of three brick and tile town houses with front courtyard fencing.



This house may be demolished and replaced with three units

Vehicle access is proposed via a driveway running along the southern boundary and separate garages are proposed for each town house.

The rear dwelling would have vehicle access by the unnamed lane.

"The proposed units provide sufficient areas to store mobile waste collection bins away from the street and clothes drying areas that would be screened from other

dwellings and the public."

According to the statement of environmental effects: "The multi-unit housing building design would not result in any adverse environmental, amenity, social or economic impacts to the site and surrounding area.

"The proposal entails an increase in development density that is commensurate with the locality and the land use zoning.

"The use of the land would

not adversely impact on the surrounding properties and would allow the existing environment to be adequately protected whilst allowing suitable and appropriate creation of new dwellings to proceed."

According to the applicant, the use of the land for multi-dwelling housing is an orderly and economic use of the land that reflects the character of the locality and environment.

According to the application, the proposal complies with Gosford LEP 2014 for minimum lot size, height and floor space ratio.

The site is in a flood prone area so any further building works would be required to have floor levels raised to meet the flood planning levels stipulated by council.

Issues of non-compliance addressed in the DA include the side and rear setbacks.

However, the application said: "Notwithstanding the non-compliance with the numerical measures, the design of the development would allow sufficient boundary setbacks to alleviate visual amenity, privacy and overshadowing impacts to the adjoining properties within the medium density residential zone."

The proposed development would require the removal of several native trees and their relocation within the centre of the site, the retention of the trees is "unrealistic, otherwise the site would be sterilized in regards to the ability to erect new dwellings within the medium density residential zone".

The site did not contain ecologically-endangered vegetation or significantly listed trees, according to the application.

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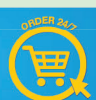


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Wicks takes up petrol price concerns

Residents who have concerns about petrol prices have been urged to contact the Federal member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, and add their name to a petition calling on the ACCC to investigate fuel pricing on the Central Coast.

"There's often quite a lot of disparity in our region ... which is

quite strange I have to say," Ms Wicks said in an interview on ABC Central Coast.

"I would encourage people if you are concerned about this to get in contact with us and sign our petition and add your name to the list, because I do believe it adds weight to our argument," she said. "We wrote to the ACCC.

"We've asked them to actually consider doing a deep dive

investigation into the Central Coast region.

"We've written to them recently, reminding about our letter and our petition last year, respectfully requesting that they do consider the Central Coast as a region.

"We need to continue to stand up for Central Coast motorists," she said.

Transcript, 21 Jan 2016
Tim Sowden, office of Lucy Wicks

Mayor hits back about West St flags

Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna has hit back claims by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce that Gosford Council was not honoring an agreement to install Australia Day flags along West St, Umina.

"It's very disappointing that the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has waited until now to demand that we install their flags, at our cost, in time for Australia Day," Cr McKinna said.

"Given the flags are owned by the Chamber, we offered to cover some of the installation cost if the chamber would also contribute something towards it.

"Unfortunately, the chamber refused to contribute anything.

"Despite their claims, there is no, and has never been, an agreement that council would commit to installing the Chamber's flags every year at our cost.

"Fortunately, we have been able to help the Chamber over the past five years by installing their flags at a cost of around \$20,000 to council

and ratepayers.

"Plus we've covered the cost to install their other flags for many other events.

"At the end of the day, these installation works are not budgeted for.

"It's very important that we deliver the community services, infrastructure and facilities we've said we would, especially given we're now in the Gosford and Wyong merger proposal period.

"The Chamber is well aware that we have various official grant and sponsorship programs that local organisations and individuals from across Gosford City can apply for at the start of each financial year to support their initiatives.

"I'd strongly encourage the Chamber to apply for this funding in the future so that it can avoid this sort of issue so close to Australia Day," he said.

Council is again putting on a number of events and activities for residents on Australia Day this year including Australia Day festivities in Wagstaffe and Woy Woy.

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Australia Day breakfast planned

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The group's annual meeting will be held on February 17 and will include the election of office bearers.

"If you wish to have a voice or become involved in the community, it is in your interest to attend," said Bays Community Group president

Mr Bob Puffett.

Residents have been informed that membership fees have increased.

A one-year membership fee is now \$15.

Those who wish to join for three years will be charged \$40; a five-year membership now costs \$60 and life membership is \$120.

Newsletter, 20 Jan 2016
Bob Puffett, Bays Community Group Inc



Community meeting votes to request Gosford Council to withdraw community and operational land from list for sale and reclassification

Police end search

Brisbane Water Local Area Command police have completed a fruitless search of Brisbane Water National Park for people reportedly needing help.

They were called on Tuesday, January 19, after flares were sighted in the National Park.

Police received four reports of flares being sighted in bushland near the Great North Walk, Patonga, near the Warrah Trig lookout at around 8:30pm.

A man fishing in waters off the area reportedly spoke to people who said they needed emergency assistance.

Emergency services were notified.

The Westpac Helicopter searched the area but nobody was located.

NSW Rural Fire Service personnel patrolled the fire trails in the area and also did not locate anyone.

The search was suspended at 10:30pm and recommenced at 5am on January 20 by police from Brisbane Water LAC and SES personnel but concluded by 9am when no evidence of anyone in need of assistance in the area could be found.

Media release, 20 Jan 2016
NSW Police media

CEN urges community action

Community Environment Network has urged community members to take further steps to encourage Gosford Council to "cease the sale and reclassification process, put a strategy on exhibition, consult with communities and transparently assess the economic, social and environmental values of these lands."

Network CEO Ms Jane Smith

has called on community members to download the CEN petition, obtain signatures and return it to CEN by February 1.

She also encouraged residents to write letters to Gosford councilors to make them aware of concerns and why reserves should remain community land.

According to Ms Smith, the matter of the land sale strategy should come back before Gosford Council on Tuesday, February 9.

"The meeting starts at 6:45pm but we would like as many people as possible to meet in front of the

Gosford Council building at 6pm," she said.

Ms Smith also said local groups could consider making placards.

"Put up a sign that makes others in your neighbourhood aware of council's move to sell off your local reserve.

"Include a facebook logo so people know how to connect with us and sign up to the Save Central Coast Reserves Facebook page," she said.

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Jane Smith, Community Environment Network

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Meeting told of shortage of urban green space

The Peninsula has a shortage of suburban green spaces, a public meeting in Gosford has been told.

Peninsula Environment Group representative Mr Mark Mann said this at the meeting on Tuesday, January 19, to discuss Gosford Council's push to rezone and potentially sell six parcels of community land on the Peninsula.

Mr Mann said that, in spite of being surrounded by national park and the greenery of the ridge line, the Peninsula had a shortage of suburban green spaces.

"Once sold off, we are not going to get them back," Mr Mann said.

He said he also represented the community group formed to save Jumbuck Reserve in Jumbuck Close, Woy Woy, "one of the largest stands of native trees left on the Woy Woy-Umina sandplain".

Mr Mann invited other Peninsula residents concerned about the potential loss of public green spaces in their neighbourhoods to contact him so they could work together.

The Peninsula community land listed for reclassification in stage one of Gosford Council's 'Land Sale Strategy' included lot 195 and 196 Brisbane Ave, Umina and 40 and 42 Albion St Umina.

Stage two was announced by Gosford Council in November and included another four parcels.

Prior to the community meeting, Gosford Council had confirmed that operational land at 23 Memorial Ave, Blackwall, which did not require

reclassification, would be marketed for sale within the next month.

In addition to the Jumbuck Reserve, another two parcels of community land – 40, 42 and 46 Pozieres Ave, Umina, and 9 to 11 Mackenzie Ave, Umina, were included in the stage two list.

Mr Mann said the meeting demonstrated strong community concern and opposition to Gosford's land sale plans.

"I support the motion that the meeting asked Cr Vicki Scott to put to Gosford Council, which was essentially to halt the sale of all blocks and restart the process with proper community engagement and consultation," he said.

Other Peninsula residents who attended the meeting expressed their concerns about land at 83 to 85 Brisbane Ave, Umina, to Mr Mann, he said.

"Cr Gabby Bowles talked at the meeting about a process of community consultation that, apparently, is still to come, but we have no assurances that such a process will actually take place.

"The council's minutes, when this item was discussed seemed to be a vote to reclassify and sell with no mention of community consultation," he said.

Over 200 people attended the meeting along with Gosford councillors Cr Gabby Bowles, Cr Vicki Scott and Cr Jeff Strickson.

The Australian Labor Party candidate for the Federal seat of Robertson, Ms Anne Charlton, also

attended, along with State Member for The Entrance Mr David Mehan who stood in for the Member for Gosford Ms Kathy Smith.

Central Coast Greens spokesperson Ms Kate da Costa also attended.

Apologies were received from Cr Deanna Bocking and Cr Hillary Morris.

The meeting was organized by the Community Environment Network and Save Central Coast Reserves, an umbrella group set up by Ms Sue Chidgey who started an online campaign to Save East Gosford Reserve.

Cr Gabby Bowles and Cr Vicki Scott also addressed the meeting along with Ms Chidgey and Ms Jane Smith of CEN and local environmental campaigner Mr Jake Cassar.

In addition to Mr Mann representing the Peninsula, another three community members addressed the meeting and called for Gosford Council to protect reserves in Wamberal, East Gosford and Lisarow.

Each speaker stated that the community placed a high value on green space and biodiversity and the Central Coast's environment was one of the main reasons why people choose to live here.

A common theme was that community expected its local council to act as custodian and protector of that green space, not sell it.

Cr Gabby Bowles addressed the meeting to explain why she had supported the reclassification

process so far.

Cr Bowles said she had not yet made a decision about which lots she would be supporting for reclassification.

However, she said Gosford Council had an "obese property portfolio" and the reclassification process was supposed to look at whether there was excess land that is not serving the community as well as it could.

She said the money raised from the sale of surplus land could be used to fund Gosford Council's \$140 million infrastructure backlog and could be spent on drainage, roads and new playgrounds.

Cr Bowles urged community members to come forward with information about the history, social and environmental significance of any lots that were listed for reclassification and potential sale.

"I have absolutely no hesitation about removing lots from reclassification once we have had the community consultation if the case is strong," Cr Bowles told the community meeting.

"I don't believe this is a conspiracy theory to get rid of reserves," she said.

Cr Bowles did agree that, in hindsight, Gosford Council should have started the process by having a conversation with the community.

She urged the community to contact council with their knowledge about reserves.

However, she said she would not support a notice of motion to

be put to the February 9 meeting of Gosford Council to withdraw some parcels of community land from the reclassification list.

Cr Bowles said, in the interests of governance and transparency, that all community land currently listed in stage one and stage two should have to go through the same community consultation.

Cr Vicki Scott said she had resubmitted a notice of motion for February 9 that was withdrawn from Gosford Council's meeting agenda on December 8 for legal reasons.

The notice of motion can only relate the parcels of community land listed in stage one of the "land strategy" so the only Peninsula parcels that it may help to keep as community land are in Brisbane Ave, Umina and Albion St, Umina.

Parcels at Jumbuck, Pozieres and Mackenzie Ave cannot be the subject of a similar motion until March, three months after Gosford councillors passed the existing resolution to start the reclassification process.

Meeting, 19 Jan 2016

Sue Chidgey, Save Central Coast Reserves

Jane Smith, CEN

Cr Gabby Bowles, Gosford Council

Cr Vicki Scott, Gosford Council

Mark Mann, Peninsula Environment Group

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Sue Chidgey, Save Central Coast Reserves

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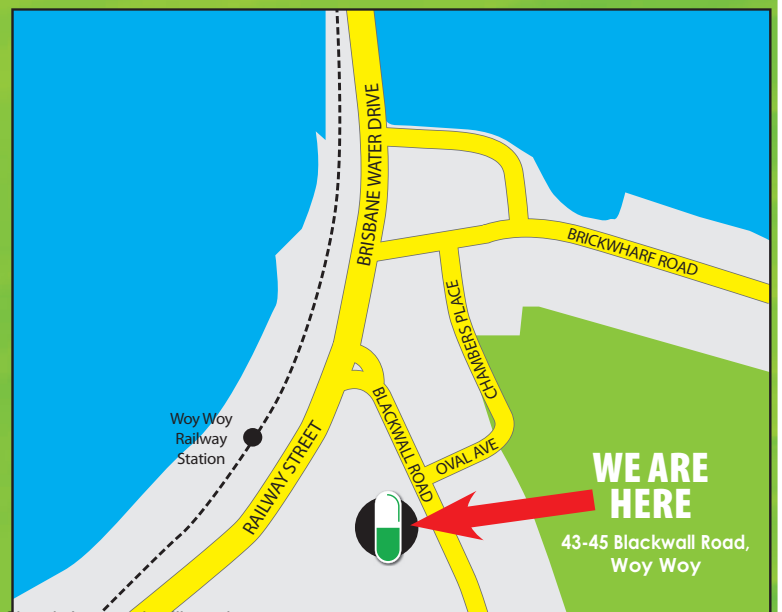
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Waterfront restaurant hopes to renovate and extend

A waterfront restaurant at Woy Woy hopes to renovate its upstairs manager's unit and build an addition to the rear wharf of the existing restaurant.

Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant has lodged a development application for work estimated to cost \$400,000.

The restaurant is located at 50 Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy.

The applicant is Louise A Williams of LAW Building Design Pty Ltd, who has been employed by the proprietor of Fisherman's Wharf, Tupuseleia Pty Ltd.

Tupuseleia Pty Ltd is the private owner of the buildings and the site is leased as a commercial waterfront from NSW Crown Lands.

The DA was lodged as an integrated development under Section 91 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act which meant prior to making a submission to Gosford Council for DA consent, the proposal required external consent from Fisheries NSW under the Fisheries Management Act 1994 and from NSW Maritime Services under the Water management Act 2000.

A pre-DA meeting was held in March 2015 between the developer and Gosford Council and issues were raised which LAW Building Design sought to address in a statement of environmental effects submitted with the development



An artist's impression of the renovated Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant

application.

said Ms Louise Williams in the statement of environmental effects.

"The site is located within the W2 Recreational Waterways land use zoning within the Woy Woy Town Centre, where surrounding features include the Woy Woy Channel (W2); mangroves to the north (E1), adjacent public waterfront (RE1); residential development to the east (R1); the Woy Woy Town Centre to the south (B2); and the Woy Woy Railway Station precinct to the west (SP2)," Ms Williams said.

"First built in 1969, the history of the site includes consents in: 1970 to build a boatshed and dwelling; additions in 1983; extensions in 1990; a roof and pergola over the deck was approved in 1992; an awning was given consent in 1997 along with a roof, pergola and refreshment room."

According to the statement of environmental effect, the wharf is currently in a bad state of repair.

"The pylons have deteriorated to the point where they need repair and replacement," the statement said.

"It is a condition of the ... Crown Lands Lease that piers be maintained.

"The proprietors have always maintained piers over the term of their lease (over 40 years)."

According to Ms Williams: "The most economically efficient way to undertake maintenance works on the wharf is to remove the existing covered structure to gain access to the piers.

"Due to the extent of the maintenance on the existing structure the owners are taking the opportunity to improve the amenity of the existing space by achieving a high quality renovation.

"The renovated structure will have a gently sloping skillion roof to tie in with the existing building with an outdoor area skirting the perimeter of the wharf.

"This proposal will repair, maintain and result in a small addition to the existing wharf of the restaurant.

"A new covered pavilion is proposed to give the wharf a new fresh appearance.

Ms Williams said the site was well suited to the development in view of: food and drink premises were permissible use in the WR Recreational Waterways zoning under Gosford Local Environment Plan 2014; proximity to Woy Woy Railway Station; accessible to the waterfront and town centre.

"An enhanced food and drink premises will potentially increase economic activity in the Woy Woy Town Centre and Woy Woy

waterfront precincts, particularly through increased competition," the statement said.

"The site has nil endangered vegetation constraints and manageable bushfire, flooding and acid sulfate constraints."

The site is affected by coastal storm surge and catchment flooding which will be appropriately managed by designing the alterations and additions in accordance with 1 in 100 year average recurrence interval flood risk, Ms Williams said.

The existing wharf extends outside the current crown land lease boundaries but the owner is confident that the lease boundary alignment will be adjusted to contain the building structure within a renewed lease contract post-2030.

Fisherman's Wharf currently employs 12 full-time employees and 20 casuals but the proposed alterations could increase opening hours and increase employment opportunities.

"We are seeking a quick approval process so that construction for much needed repairs to the wharf and the rebuilding can occur in the quieter winter months so as not to affect the employment status of long term employees."

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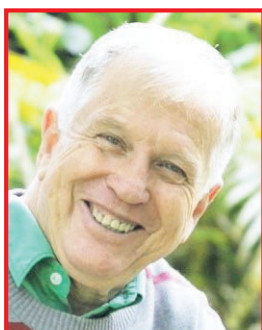
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Lifeguards respond to near-drowning

Gosford Council lifeguards have responded to a near drowning at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

A three-year-old child was pulled unconscious from one of the leisure centre's pools at around 12:15pm on Thursday, January 14, and resuscitated by four Council lifeguards.

The child was airlifted to hospital.

It was unclear how the incident occurred.

"Council will be working closely with all relevant authorities to investigate this incident," a media statement issued by Gosford Council's communications and engagement team said.

"Given the current circumstances, it would not be appropriate for Council to make any further comment," the statement said.

**Media statement, 14 Jan 2016
Judy Jaeger, Gosford Council**



An artist's impression of the Oval Cafe

Council tenders cafe at Woy Woy oval forecourt

Gosford Council is seeking tenders to manage a new cafe within Woy Woy Oval forecourt at Chambers Place.

The cafe lease is part of the \$8 million redevelopment of Woy Woy Oval, jointly funded by the federal and state government, and Gosford Council.

"This is an exciting opportunity to partner with Council to provide a vibrant destination facility for residents and visitors, and contribute to the social and economic growth of the

community," the tender document said.

Council devoted \$2.7 million towards the redevelopment, which also includes a new grandstand building and fit-out, forecourt and extensive landscaping.

The Australian Government provided \$3.5 million in funding through its Community Development Grants Program.

NSW Government support includes \$2 million from NSW ClubGrants as well as \$40,000 from its Community Building

Partnership Program.

Cafe construction will finish in March 2016.

Potential operators need to be financially competent in hospitality, with a proven ability to run a commercially viable and sustainable business.

Applications close at 1pm on Tuesday, February 16.

For more information, contact Council's Recreation Officer on 4325 8429 or email coralie.mcphie@gosford.nsw.gov.au

**Media release, 21 Jan 2016
Coralie McPhee, Gosford Council**

Program to help fathers

The Peninsula Community Centre is holding a three-session program which aims to help fathers gain the skills necessary to build closer relationships with their children.

The program covers topics such as how fathers can connect with their children, understanding

the special role of a father in a child's life and how to discipline constructively.

The program will be run from 6:30pm to 9:30pm on three days: February 15, 22 and 29.

The cost of the program is \$20 or \$15 concession with bookings essential as numbers are limited.

**Email, 12 Jan 2016
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Demolition allowed for Umina Mall redevelopment

Gosford Council has allowed demolition works to proceed ahead of the redevelopment of Umina Mall at the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Lone Pine Ave.

The demolition will be able to proceed before conditions are met for the issue of a construction certificate.

The change in consent meant that work could start on the project before development consent expired on December 17 last year.

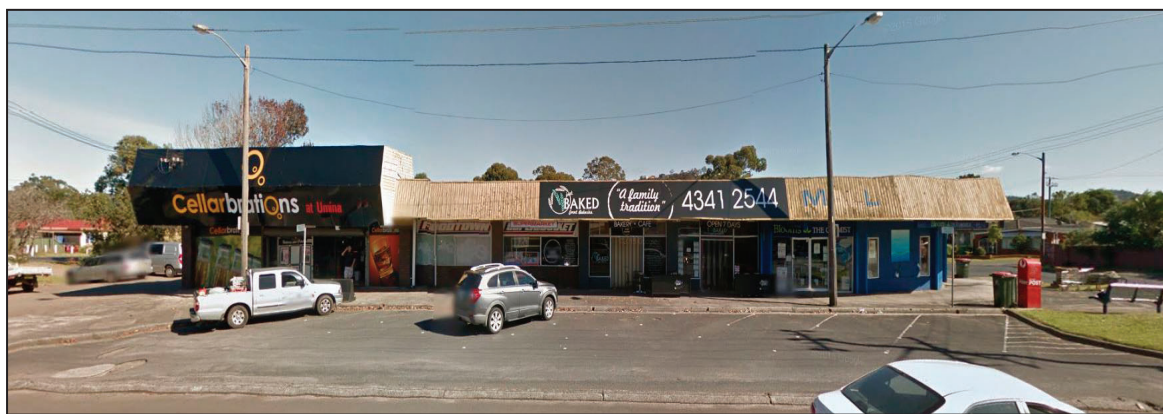
Laudy Exhibitions Pty Ltd has been granted a modification to a 2010 consent for the deferred development of the proposed Lone Pine Plaza Shopping Complex, a mixed commercial and retail development, including the site of the current Umina Mall.

Mr Arthur Laudy told Peninsula News he was well aware that the current Umina Mall shopping centre was an eyesore and needed redevelopment.

"The proposed redevelopment will transform the site into a modern and welcoming village centre that will be of great convenience to the local community and the people visiting the Umina area," he said.

"The Section 96 application was lodged with council to enable the activation of the development approval which has now been achieved."

In the letter of approval dated December 4, Gosford Council chief



The existing Umina Mall

Mr Paul Anderson wrote: "Having regard to the provisions of Section 96 (1A) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the council is of the opinion that the amended proposal is a minor modification and is substantially the same development consented to by the council."

The amendment involved changing "deferred commencement conditions" into "operational consent conditions".

As a result, Laudy Exhibitions Pty Ltd will be able to complete additional steps on the site before being issued with a construction certificate.

The proposed development takes in 11 lots in Pozieres Ave, Ocean Beach Rd Umina and Lone Pine Ave, Umina.

The developer will need to consolidate all lots, including all closed roads into a single allotment, and provide a copy of the registered

plan to the council.

The conditions of consent have also been changed so that "no activity is to be carried out on site until a Construction Certificate has been issued, other than: site investigation for the preparation of the construction and/or; implementation of environmental protection measures such as erosion control etc that are required by this consent; and demolition of any existing buildings".

Under the prior conditions of consent, demolition of existing buildings was not allowed prior to a construction certificate being issued.

Mr Anderson's letter stated: "Please note that the approved amendment does not extend the term of the original consent."

A report to Mr Anderson from Gosford Council's governance and planning division said: "There are no planning issues with the proposal and approval of the application

will allow council to activate the deferred commencement consent enabling the applicant to carry out demolition works and obtain physical commencement prior to expiry of the consent on December 17."

The development takes in the existing Umina Mall and other blocks currently occupied by residential dwellings.

The governance and planning report said the development would be employment-generating and would be valued at \$3.2 million.

In November 2009, the original development application was refused under staff delegation.

In November 2010, as part of the Review of Determination, the matter was referred to council for determination and was again refused.

However, days later council decided to rescind its resolution of November 2 and resolved under Section 82A of the Environmental

Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to support the proposal.

Councillors also delegated the general manager or his representative authority to determine the application subject to issue of a deferred commencement consent and conditions.

The applicant, Laudy Exhibitions, was informed via a notice of determination of a development application on December 17, 2010, that the application was approved subject to deferred commencement consent and conditions.

The deferred commencement consent was due to expire on December 17, 2015.

The approval of the Section 96 application which allowed demolition works to be carried out prior to the applicant obtaining a construction certificate meant that the project could be started before the consent expired.

According to the report to Mr Anderson, Gosford Council's property section advised that the laneways had been closed and negotiations were continuing regarding purchase of the closed roads to enable consolidation onto a single lot.

"If the relevant conditions relating to consolidation of the closed roads into the subject site are not met, a construction certificate cannot be issued," the report said.

Website, 19 Jan 2016
DA37199/2009, Gosford Council planning portal

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Construction Update January 2016

What is NorthConnex?

NorthConnex is a nine kilometre tunnel that will link the M1 Pacific Motorway at Wahroonga to the Hills M2 Motorway at West Pennant Hills, removing around 5,000 trucks off Pennant Hills Road.

Lendlease Bouygues Joint Venture was awarded the contract to design and deliver the work on behalf of the NorthConnex project company. Early work started in February 2015, with major construction of NorthConnex starting in June 2015.

What is happening?

The NorthConnex project team has made good progress to date with site establishment underway at all major compounds.

Piling in preparation for excavation of tunnel shafts is complete at the Southern Interchange Compound (Eaton Road and Pennant Hills Road), Northern Interchange Compound (M1 Pacific Motorway and Pennant Hills Road) and Wilson Road Compound (Wilson Road and Pennant Hills Road). Piling work at the Trelawney Street Compound is expected to start in early 2016.

What's coming up?

As part of the tunnel preparation, NorthConnex is using modern and safe controlled blasting technology to excavate shafts leading to the tunnel.

A shaft on NorthConnex can reach up to 90 metres in depth through vertical excavation before tunnel work begins.

Controlled blasting was chosen as the best method of excavation because of its ability to significantly reduce continuous noise and vibration, and time to construct the shafts.

Traffic changes

To progress construction it will be necessary to put in place a number of traffic changes. With the majority of work happening near

major arterial roads, night work will be required to minimise impact on motorists.

In the next three months the following major changes will be made to traffic for the project:

- Closure of the westbound bus lane and cycle lane on the Hills M2 Motorway between Pennant Hills Road and Windsor Road. Bicycle detours will be in place. Reduction of the speed limit to 80 km/h

Further information and exact dates will be provided through electronic and fixed message signs, and traffic alerts.

More questions?

The NorthConnex project team is committed to working closely with you to inform you of upcoming work and to minimise impact from our construction activities. For further information on NorthConnex please do not hesitate to contact members of the project team by:

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Wicks announces McEvoy Oval upgrade

Federal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks has announced \$304,000 in funding to upgrade the facilities at McEvoy Oval in Umina.

Ms Wicks said the project will knock down and replace the existing sporting amenities block which is used by Woy Woy Little Athletics, Southern Spirit Cricket Club and Peninsula Touch Football.

"McEvoy Oval is an important community asset in terms of its size, location, and the services it can provide to families and organisations on the Peninsula," Ms Wicks said

"The project aims to create a vibrant, highly functional and engaging sporting ground for formal and informal recreation," Ms Wicks said.

Gosford Council welcomed the news that the Australian Government is set to provide funding towards the upgrade.

Council allocated \$220,000 to the project as well as securing \$220,000 from the NSW Government.

Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Paul Anderson said that it was great to see the Federal Member for Robertson, Lucy Wicks on board.

"McEvoy Oval is one of Council's vital sport and recreation facilities on the Peninsula.

"I'm very proud of the hard work



Lucy Wicks with Woy Woy Little Athletics athletes and local community members celebrating the funding announcement at Umina's McEvoy Oval

Council has put in to develop a master-plan for the entire site.

"The oval's local sporting groups, especially Woy Woy Little Athletics, need to be commended for the major role they've played in the project so far.

"Through their fantastic efforts, we hope that these groups will be able to contribute around \$10,000

towards the upgrade works.

"Council's master-plan for the site [includes] bush re-generation works in the ecologically endangered bushland community around the oval and irrigation improvements.

"We're currently looking at ways to deliver these additional works over the next few years.

"We know that sport and recreation is an important part of our residents' lives on the Peninsula and that's why we're committed to delivering the facilities the community deserves," Mr Anderson said.

The construction of a new amenities building should result in improved storage facilities and

toilets and an improved canteen and club room, he said.

The oval's car park is set to be upgraded as well.

Media releases, 13, 15 Jan 2016

Lucy Wicks, Federal Member for Robertson

Media release, 14 Jan 2016

Paul Anderson, Gosford Council



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Delegate appointed for council merger review

Gosford Council has received further information about the next steps in the amalgamation process from NSW Minister for Local Government Mr Paul Toole MP.

The Minister has referred a council merger proposal to the chief executive officer for the Office of Local Government for examination and report under the Local Government Act 1993.

Mr Toole has written to Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna saying that the examination of and reporting on the merger proposal would be delegated to Mr John

Rayner.

Mr Rayner is the retired general manager of Sutherland Shire Council, where he was employed for 33 years up until 2013.

"The process for reviewing a council merger proposal will now commence, and will allow councils and the community to have their say through public inquiries (public meetings) and written submissions," the letter from Mr Toole said.

Cr Hillary Morris said the community needed to be aware that they only had until Sunday, February 28, to make a submission via the above website if they wanted to have a say about

amalgamation.

"I remain opposed to the amalgamation of the two local government areas as I see no financial benefit to the residents," Cr Morris said.

"While they [the state government] are promising \$135 million in financial benefit over 20 years that equates to \$6.7 million per year and Gosford Council has already proven that it can do better than that with its recent surplus of \$14 million without being amalgamated," she said.

"And the \$10 million being offered for community infrastructure projects is hardly worth going through the exercise when it is going to cost us \$38 million to amalgamate," she said.

"It is important that alternative options are put to the Department of Local Government from the community," Cr Morris said.

"One of the first things I will do on council in February is make sure a notice of motion goes up requesting council ensures people are aware of the submission process but as the meeting isn't until February 8, it doesn't give the community much time to have a say," she said.

Cr Morris also said the immediate future of the current elected councillors is still unknown.

"I am unsure about my role going forward as the government has not yet made a decision in relation to how existing councillors will be involved according to information provided by the minister," she said.

According to Mr Toole's letter: "The government remains committed to allowing councillors that are supportive of making the new council a success the opportunity to shape the future of the new council.

"No decision has been made in relation to the manner in which existing councillors may continue to be involved in a new council for an amalgamated area.

"Options available under the Local Government Act 1993 include the appointment of a single person or group of people

(which may include councillors for presently existing council areas) to act as administrators or the continuation in office of councillors from the former council areas, as councillors of a new area ahead of the next election.

"In addition councils can establish Local Representation Committees to help shape the new council," the letter said.

The 20-page merger proposal that will be considered by Mr Rayner has been prepared by the Minister for Local Government under section 218E(1) of the Local Government Act.

According to statistics included in the proposal the Peninsula will account for approximately 10 per cent of the new local government area's total population.

The Minister's forward in the proposal document states that it has been informed by council merger preferences, community views and the unique characteristics of each area.

The document predicts a 119 per cent improvement in annual operating profits over 10 years that the merger may reduce council reliance on rate increases through Special Rate Variations to fund local infrastructure.

According to Mr Toole, the merger should result in improved road works, upgrades to local water and wastewater infrastructure, cleaner waterways, safer food, promotion of the region for tourism and business and the management and maintenance of open spaces, cultural and recreational facilities.

"The savings, combined with the NSW Government's policy to freeze existing rate paths for four years, will ensure that ratepayers get a better deal," Mr Toole said.

The proposal suggests that there will be a payback period of three years "after which the merger benefits will exceed the expected merger costs.

"The analysis also shows the proposed merger is expected to generate, on average around \$10 million in savings every year from 2020 onwards," the proposal said.

According to the proposal, those savings will be generated by redeployment of back office and administrative functions, streamlining of senior management roles, efficiencies from increased purchasing power and reduced expenditure on councillor fees.

The document repeats the message that the local community will have an opportunity to attend a public inquiry that will be held for the merger proposal but the details are not yet available on the official boundary review website.

Accelerating the supply of new housing and protecting the natural environment including the coastline are mentioned as priorities for the proposed merger.

The proposal does mention preservation of key environmental areas as outlined in Gosford City's Coastal Open Spaces System (COSS) as a priority that "could" be generated by the merger.

The legislative criteria that the delegate will have to consider when making his recommendation include the financial advantages or disadvantages to the residents and ratepayers; community and geographic cohesion; historical and traditional values in existing areas and the impact of change; the attitude of residents and ratepayers; past and future patterns of elected representation; provision of services and facilities; employment of staff by councils; impact on rural communities; desirability of dividing new area into wards; other relevant factors to the provision of efficient and effective local government.

The proposal Mr Rayner will be considering, along with more information about the process can be seen at councilboundaryreview.nsw.gov.au.

Mr Rayner's email address within the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet is also available along with a 1300 phone number.

Letter, 6 Jan 2016
Paul Toole, NSW Minister for Local Government Interview, 7 Jan 2016
Hillary Morris, Gosford Council Website, 7 Jan 2016
Councilboundaryreview.nsw.gov.au Article, 14 Jan 2015
St George and Sutherland Shire leader Merger proposal, Jan 2016

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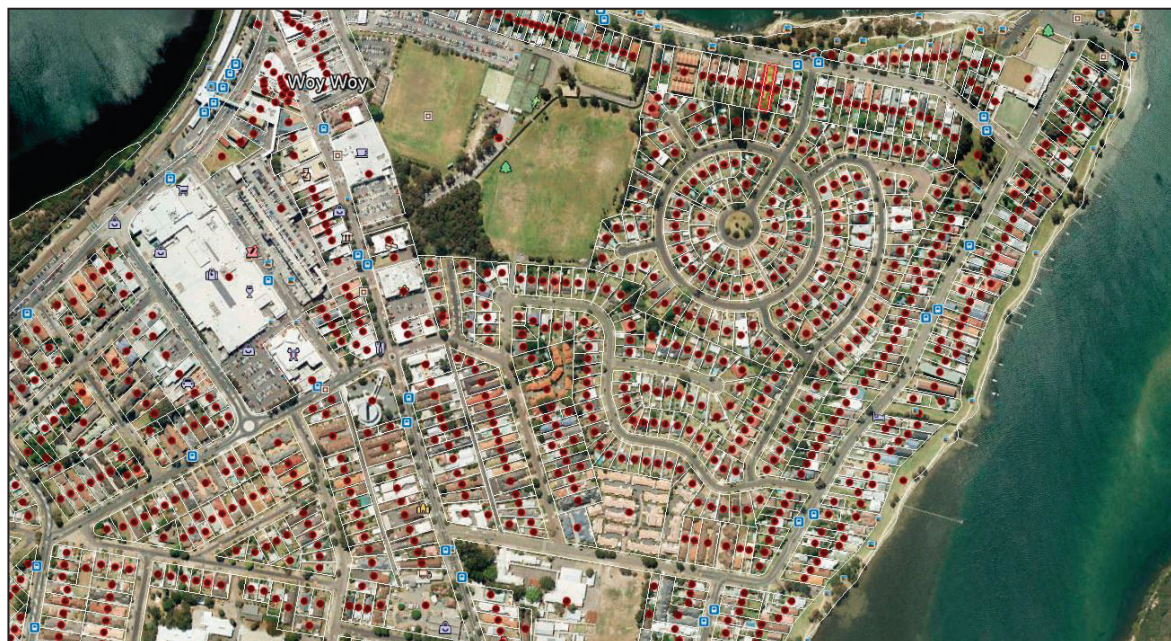
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A map of Woy Woy from the NSW Valuer General showing land lots with red dots

Australia Day celebrations

Australia Day celebrations will be held at Woy Woy, Wagstaffe and Pearl Beach.

Woy Woy waterfront will begin celebrations at 2pm and conclude with fireworks around 9:15pm.

The Boulevard and Brick Wharf Rd in Woy Woy will be closed from 6am until 12am.

Brisbane Water Dr between the Spike Milligan Bridge and The Boulevard will be closed from 9pm until 9:30pm.

Australia Day celebrations at Wagstaffe will commence at 8am with an official ceremony, including a flag raising, and free breakfast.

Mulhall St in Wagstaffe between the Wagstaffe ferry wharf and Wagstaffe Ave will be closed from 7am until 12pm.

Pearl Parade between Tourmaline Ave and Amethyst Ave will be closed from 5am until 12pm.

Media release, 19 Jan 2015
Paul Anderson, Gosford Council

Valuation notices on their way

The NSW Office of the Valuer General has announced that Notices of Valuation for land values as at July 1 last year will be issued to landholders in the Gosford local government area this month.

NSW Valuer-General Mr Simon Gilkes said the notices to be issued gave landholders the

opportunity to consider their land value before it is used by council for rating.

Land value is the value of the land only and does not include the value of a home or other improvements on the land.

"Land values are one factor used by councils to calculate rates," Mr Gilkes said.

Any changes to council rates due to the new Notices of Valuation would come into effect from July 1 this year.

"However, changes in land value don't necessarily lead to similar changes in rates.

"Each council develops a revenue policy to use in the calculation of rates and charges to fund services to the community."

According to NSW Minister for Local Government Mr Paul

Toole, the State currently has a policy of freezing council's current rate pathways for four years so the impact of the new Notices of Valuation remains to be seen.

Mr Gilkes said when determining land values, property sales were the most important factor considered.

The values reflect the property market at July 1 last year.

The valuers analysed 1145 property sales in Gosford to arrive at the new land values.

Landholders who disagree with the land value on their Notice of Valuation have a 60-day period to lodge an objection to have their land value reviewed.

Although only about one third of NSW LGAs receive a Notice of Valuation each year, all land in NSW is valued on an annual basis.

No Peninsula suburbs were mentioned as experiencing moderate to strong increases in the Valuer-General's announcement.

The Peninsula's beachfront properties also missed out on special mention in the official valuer general's announcement for the Gosford Local Government area whereas the value of properties in North Avoca, Wamberal, MacMasters Beach and Forresters

Beach were reported to have remained steady or decreased slightly.

Land values in the commercial areas of Gosford and Erina showed a moderate to strong increase, while trends in the smaller suburban and neighbourhood centres varied.

Industrial land values generally showed a slight increase, with variations depending on locality.

According to the Gosford Council website, ordinary rates are calculated using the land value multiplied by the rate in the dollar.

A minimum amount is applied where the land value calculation is less than the minimum amount.

That minimum amount is determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Authority (IPART).

IPART also caps the percentage by which local councils can increase their rates in any given year without applying for a special rate variation.

Rates and charges have already been set for 2015-16 and the current residential ordinary rate is 0.00359671 cents per dollar with the minimum rate of \$496.

Media release, 6 Jan 2016
Kelly Burke, NSW Department of Finance, Services and Innovation
Website, 7 Jan 2016
NSW Globe Information
Valuation Information



Experienced Marine Rescue NSW skipper Mr Norm Smith

Night call-out for Marine Rescue

Marine Rescue volunteers were called out at night on Wednesday, January 13, to assist a wake-board boat with four people on-board at Lobster Beach.

The eight-metre wake-board boat was damaged when it crossed the sand-bar at Little Box Head at around 7.30pm.

Experienced Marine Rescue skipper Mr Norm Smith and his

crew, Mr Bob White and Mr Bruce Lorking, on rescue-vessel Central Coast 21, located the boat at the southern end of Lobster Beach after being called out by the Marine Rescue regional controller.

The damaged boat was towed to Empire Bay and the rescue were able to return to their homes at around midnight.

Media release, 14 Jan 2016
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue
NSW Central Coast

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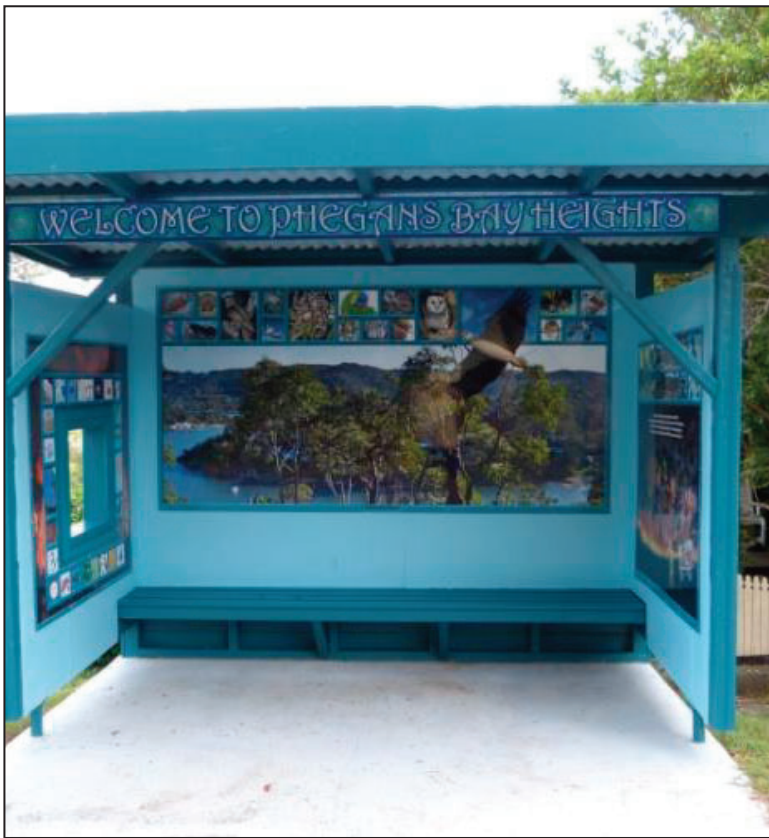
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The new-look bus shelter at Phegans Bay

Bus shelter make-over

Phegans Bay Heights bus shelter received a make-over during the Christmas break.

Mr Jim Doe, Mr Dick Kirk and others gave the bus shelter near the fire station a new coat of paint and installed art work produced by local children.

The artwork included children's paintings of birds, animals and things they wanted to display.

There were also paintings of birds local to the Bays, reminders of the impact of fire and the work of the RFS along with photos taken from the walking trail at the end of Olive Ave.

Newsletter, 20 Jan 2016
Bob Puffett, Bays Community Group Inc



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EPA accused of failure to regulate landfill run-off

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has continued to fail to meet community expectations over the environmental management of the..

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A public meeting will be held to bring together groups and residents who are opposed to the loss of local reserves, parks and greenspaces through...

Securing construction certificates for major developments is next hurdle

The sight of cranes in the sky above Gosford CBD is still some months away but, according to Mr Bob Bourne, the race is on to secure construction certificates...

Median value of residential land has increased by 17.5%

The NSW Office of the Valuer General has announced that Notices of Valuation for July 1, 2015 land values will be issued to landholders in the Gosford local...

Review of Council's refusal regarding Avoca Beach Picture Theatre

The multi year struggle between Norman and Beth Hunter and Gosford Council has entered its fourth year with the couple deciding to request...

Heritage consultants recommend listing cinema as a heritage item

Avoca Theatre Preservation Society Inc has "put its running shoes on" in response to the lodgement of an application by Mr Norman and Ms Beth Hunter...

Council merger referred to Office of Local Government

Gosford Council welcomed the news that the community's voice would be heard following an announcement by NSW premier Mr Mike Baird and minister for...

\$430,000 funding for RFS

Nearly half a million dollars will be delivered to the Central Coast as part of a multi-million dollar investment into bushfire protection for the local community.

Community consultation process being offered over merger is a farce

Central Coast Greens have called the consultation process offered by the NSW Government to residents of Wyong and Gosford as part of a council 'merger'...

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Chinese theme park Heads of Agreement signed

Wyong Council's acting CEO, Mr Rob Noble has confirmed that a new Heads of Agreement has been signed between the council and the Australia China Theme Park (ACTP) Pty Ltd concerning the \$10 million...

Central Coast Tourism could lose support from both councils

Central Coast Tourism has been advised that Wyong Council currently has insufficient information to extend its contract.

Berkeley Vale worst hit by storms

The NSW State Emergency Service (SES) had registered 150 calls for assistance and around 4,000 were left without power following a storm that hit parts of the Central Coast on the evening...

Wyong wastewater pump station being upgraded

Wyong Water is starting work on a \$4.2 million upgrade of a wastewater pump station in Wyong as the revitalisation of this key suburb in the shire continues.

Another supermarket approved for Wadalba

Wyong Council unanimously approved the development of a Woolworths supermarket adjacent to the Wadalba Village Centre at its December 9 meeting.

New pedestrian refuge on highway at Kanwal

Safety for pedestrians will be improved on the Pacific Hwy at Kanwal with a new pedestrian refuge installed south of Sparks Rd in early January, according to a Roads and Maritime Services.

Water main break at Gorokan

Traffic diversions were put in place west-bound on Wallarah Rd, Gorokan following a water main break on Thursday, January 14.

Compliance with conditions of consent at Ourimbah under investigation

Wyong Council is currently investigating the use of the Big Flower site at Ourimbah, including compliance with conditions of consent related to council's approval of a development application by Eaton and Sons Pty Ltd to change the use...

Road upgrades near completion

Major upgrades of Hume Bvd in Killarney Vale and Kanagra Dve were nearing completion at the beginning of December 2015, according to Wyong Council.

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Forum

The morality of tax havens

Is it immoral that Malcolm Turnbull is wealthy?

No, who cares?
Is it immoral if a large part of Malcolm Turnbull's wealth is unpaid tax, 'stolen' public monies which, as a consequence of not being paid, leaves disadvantaged kids disadvantaged, under-staffed hospitals floundering, medical costs so high that sick people get sicker, schools underfunded, road tolls instead of public roads, cut disability care, unfunded mental health care, Medicare threatened with taxes and 'privatisation', reduced pensions to the most in need, and so on?

Yes.
The Prime Minister makes no bones about where his financial affairs have been (legally) placed; his financial affairs have been moved to the Cayman Islands which is a 'tax haven'.

Google identifies several definitions of "tax haven".
First from Investopedia.com is a country that offers foreign individuals and businesses little or no tax liability in a politically and economically stable environment, tax havens also provide little or no financial information to foreign tax authorities.

Second from Wikipedia is a tax haven is a state, country or territory where, on a national level, certain taxes are levied at a very low rate or not at all, it also refers to countries which have a system of financial secrecy in place.

The third definition of tax haven from businessdictionary.com is a foreign country or corporation used to avoid or reduce income taxes, especially by investors from another country.

So we know there are two main reasons for using the Cayman Islands to place ones financial affairs - secrecy and tax avoidance.

We don't know how Prime Minister Turnbull makes his money, after all, that is secret in the Cayman Islands.

My guess is that he doesn't make anything useful, or provide useful services so it is a fair bet that he buys and sells stocks and shares.

If a person buys shares for \$2 million and sells them for \$3 million, s/he has made a capital gain of \$1 million.

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In Australia s/he would have to pay tax on the \$1 million capital gain but, if the transaction is made in the Cayman Islands where no capital gains tax is payable, the entire \$1 million capital gain becomes profit.

S/he is richer than s/he would have been if s/he had just paid the flaming taxes s/he was morally, but not legally, required to pay.

Let us say there is an Australian company earning heaps of money, big profits.

However, driven by 'private profit' rather than concern for the 'Common Good', the company executives try to find a way to reduce their profits without actually reducing their profits, here is one of many ways they can do that.

A foreign company is set up by the Australian company, let's say the fake company is set up in America.

The American company borrows \$1 billion on the American money market at 2 per cent interest and lends it to a Cayman Islands company at 2 per cent, no profit has been made and no losses.

The Cayman Island company lends the \$1 billion to the highly profitable Australian company at 9 per cent interest.

The Australian company deducts its interest bill (9 per cent of \$1 billion, almost \$10 million from its profit)

It pays no tax on the \$10 million.

I suspect Prime Minister Turnbull is doing nothing illegal but clearly these secret tax manipulation activities are immoral, they offend any definition of 'fair go' so, why are they legal?

Sometimes we hear commentators and politicians speak of tax 'loop-holes' which are there accidentally and are 'found' by clever lawyers employed by big companies for that purpose.

This story about 'loop-holes' is just a way of wrapping corrupt and immoral practices in a bogus claim.

The truth is the big end of town wants the legislation, the big end of town consciously and deliberately lobbies politicians so that these practices are legal.

Then when we protest their corruption, they scream indignantly just as the Prime Minister does, "But I

do nothing illegal".

No, you do nothing illegal, because you wrote the rules, the big end of town looks after the big end of town.

Big end of town Malcolm is guilty of much worse than immoral but legal practices because by engaging in immoral tax haven practices as Prime Minister he encourages all other would-be participants.

When the Prime Minister is engaged in bad behaviour it teaches others that this bad behaviour is okay.

At a more sinister level, when the Prime Minister is deeply immersed in immoral practices, all the other immoral elements from the big end of town know that they too can act secretly and avoid tax, with impunity, after all, the Prime Minister does the same thing.

In this case, big end Mal is leading the pack; he knows this pack, as a commentator has already written "Malcolm Turnbull Is the Big End of Town".

You thought it was crook that a Prime Minister Tony Abbott's daughter was given a secret \$60,000 'scholarship' for which no-one else could compete.

Just think about what a Prime Minister is doing to the tax base of his country when he trumpets the legality of, and gives respectability to, the practice of large numbers of wealthy and corporate Australians hiding their financial dealings in secret and tax avoiding foreign 'havens'.

These practices should be criminalised with huge penalties of community service and gaol.

They massively rob the public purse, they destroy the revenue side of the Australian economy, and they starve the public sector in general and the essential Social Wage in particular.

Like all corrupt practices, it tears at the democratic fabric of our country and reduces the legitimacy of the political process as many people believe that "politicians, they are all the same, corrupt and in it for what they can get for themselves."

Email, 27 Dec 2015
Van Davy, Pearl Beach

The wind tunnel exists

Forum

I support Jane Smith's comments on the seven-storey development on the corner of Memorial Ave and the Esplanade at Ettalong (PN, 11 Jan 2016).

The comment that the development will create a wind tunnel on Memorial Ave, especially during the frequent southerly winds, from Broken Bay requires elaboration.

The wind tunnel exists.
Why is access to Diggers Ettalong and the Mantra resort located on Memorial Ave and not on the Esplanade to take advantage of the Ettalong beach vista?

Is the waterfront an eyesore? Or are there other reasons?

The severe storm of April of 2015 with flood, wind, rain and sand is the answer.

Access to the underground car-park, club foyer and resort foyer are positioned to protect customers and staff and to reduce

maintenance costs, risks and hazards, clean-up costs, property damage, energy consumption, inconvenience and insurance claims.

Any building located in the wind tunnel will need to be designed to withstand storm events, more likely with climate change, similar to those in April of 2015.

Has this building been designed to suit local conditions?

Retail developments with a southern aspect will be particularly vulnerable.

As I recall there were major issues with traffic management which were unresolved in the original proposal.

Design limitations of the site may create problems for business owners and their customers in Ettalong.

Be prepared.

Letter, Jan 15 2016
Norman Harris, Umina

Move boarding house to Woy Woy

The long wait for the decision by the Land and Environment Court on the Ettalong boarding house is indeed frustrating (PN Forum, 11 Jan 2016).

Could the applicant for the boarding house plan perhaps be persuaded to change his mind?

There is an ugly, long-standing empty block opposite the Woy Woy railway station.

In that location a boarding house would do nobody any harm and it would have all the facilities nearby - train station, bus interchange,

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doctors, chemists and the police.

I don't think that a boarding house on that spot would be very controversial at all.

It would also beautify and bring more life to a dilapidated area.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, if you win your case, try to inspire the developer to move it over there.

One more ugly site gone and Ettalong will keep its lovely relaxed atmosphere.

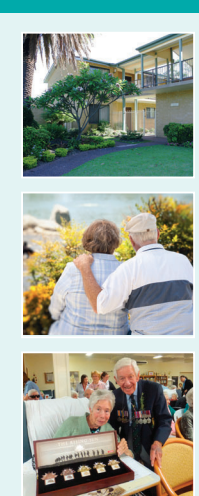
Email, 15 Jan 2016
Johanna Reygersberg, Woy Woy



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Brilliant \$5 idea

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I have this issue with petrol prices on the Peninsula.

The editor of Peninsula News is not the only one I email about this issue.

I have written to Federal and State Members.

The only reply I got was from our State Member for Gosford, Ms Kathy Smith.

She had a great idea: only buy \$5 worth of petrol on the Peninsula and tell the service station operator it's only to get you off the Peninsula to buy cheaper fuel.

The price has come down to \$1:20 a litre but it is still \$1:13 at Empire Bay.

I think it went down because of the proposed rally outside the local servos.

The \$5 idea is brilliant.

The Federal Member has not answered my emails and it is not the first time.

Email, 13 Jan 2016

Rodney Munson, Ettalong Beach

Job creation claim ludicrous

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Godfrey Franz' claim (PN, 11 Jan 2016) that the ATO office in Gosford will create 2.5 times as many jobs as the number of tax workers employed is too ludicrous to be taken seriously.

As any econometrician will tell him, a multiplier effect of 0.25 is a good figure for a highly productive employment generator, and the ATO office is far from that.

I would suggest that 0.025 would be a realistic figure but I'm open to any proof that Mr Franz can provide to the contrary.

For instance, can he offer any plausible reasons as to why accountant and lawyer numbers will increase as a result of the transfer of ATO staff to Gosford?

Lawyers and accountants rely on local clients, not ATO employees, and the amount of work will be exactly the same as it is now, regardless of where the ATO office is located.

As for his obfuscation that the site was not public land but belonged to the Department of Education, the last time I checked, the Department was a public service and its assets belong to the

public (i.e., us).

The Department is not entitled to maximize the value - code for getting the highest price - if maximizing the price is contrary to the general public interest.

In any case, is there any evidence that the Department achieved the maximum value for the site?

Mr Franz completely avoids the issue of how the ATO came to be involved in the first place [in the tender process] - assuming, as Mr Franz is keen to point out, the land belonged to the Department of Education.

If the Department passed the land to the ATO for the purpose of running a tender, whereby a private developer came into possession of the title, subject only to a 10-year lease by the ATO, we are entitled to know the terms of this undercover transaction and to see the evidence that it produced the maximum value.

Finally, Mr Franz attempts to confuse the issue by pretending that anyone who opposes the idea of the tax office being on the old school site must be against any development in Gosford.

The real issue is that there are better, cheaper and more accessible sites in Gosford for the tax office and that the waterfront is too valuable an amenity to be alienated for such a silly purpose as a building that has no direct community value.

Incidentally, if Mr Franz is correct and there will be 1500 jobs generated in Gosford by the new office, it must mean that 1500 jobs will be lost in the location from which the ATO jobs are being transferred.

Mr Franz presumably approves of this beggar my-neighbour attitude and cares little, if at all, for the hardship being visited on the community in the losing position.

I take it that this would only be a concern for "left-wing whiners" and that hard-nosed economic realists, such as Mr Franz, would consider that it serves them right for not living in a marginal electorate.

Email, 19 Jan 2016

Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Problems with drainage remain

Forum

It was with great interest I watched the resurfacing of the carpark behind the Old Pub in Woy Woy.

The big question was: would it be done properly?

Or would we get the usual anything is good enough.

There were trucks and all sorts of other machines; supervisors and workers everywhere.

It really looked impressive.

This had to be it.

No more potholes, no more puddles, efficient line markings, the works.

Well, looks can be deceiving.

A quick check the other day revealed most of the potholes were filled, which meant you were at a lesser risk of falling or stepping in a puddle right up to your middle.

However there was no grading done so the problem with drainage remained and the puddles will still be there, just not as deep, for the first few years.

The greatly reduced number of spaces for commuters continues and line marking is inadequate.

Email, 21 Jan 2016

Fred Charles, Woy Woy

First woman mayor lives on Peninsula

Forum

The Peninsula News is a good local newspaper and a great exponent of that bastion of democracy, freedom of the press.

Recently, I was interviewed by their reporter and that interview was published in the edition of November, 9.

The journalist's professionalism and integrity to the interview is impressive.

A brilliant piece of work.

I forgot to mention in the interview that, in the later years, I served under the first woman Mayor of Gosford City, Dr Patricia Harrison.

She lives on the Peninsula and was a strong representative for our part of the world.

Email, 10 Nov 2015

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Generosity shown over Christmas

Forum

We had our Christmas lights up over the holidays at 380 Booker Bay Rd, Booker Bay, and raised \$910 for Guide Dogs and Vision Australia.

Almost all the money was in coins and a few small notes, so

many people donated.

We would like to let the residents know how generous they were.

Email, 17 Jan 2016

Noel and Shirley Crockett, Booker Bay




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Education and support for women

Peninsula Women's Health Centre is running a nine-week group which provides education and support for women who have experienced domestic or family violence encompassing all forms of abuse.

The group, Breaking Free, aims to provide an opportunity for women to achieve a greater understanding of themselves, how the abuse has

impacted them, looking at ways of reducing self-blame, assertiveness and discovering what are healthy relationships.

Women can join other women in a supportive environment.

The group will be facilitated by a counselor from Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre Karina and a family support worker.

The group will be held at

the Peninsula Women's Health Centre, 20A McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, from 10am to 12:30pm.

The group will be held each Thursday morning commencing February 11, finishing April 7 and is free of charge.

Childcare is available.

Bookings are essential, and should be made on 4342 5905.

Email, 12 Jan 2016
Katherine Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre

Checks for cervical cancer expected to fall

Peninsula Women's Health Centre co-ordinator Ms Kate Bradfield has warned that changes to subsidies for pathology services could affect the numbers of local women taking cervical cancer checks.

"This will act as a disincentive to women on low incomes and most of our clients or patients are on low incomes," Ms Bradfield said.

"We are concerned that these women may choose not to have this vital test because of cost and this could result in delayed diagnosis and even higher rates of cervical cancer amongst our patients," she said.

Senator Deborah O'Neill commented: "Pap tests save lives by detecting pre-cancerous cells.

"To skip regular pap tests poses the real danger that cervical cancer

will develop.

"This government appears determined to slash away at the health safety net.

"It is putting women's health at risk by removing the bulk-billing incentive payments that are paid to pathologists who will be forced to pass the costs for a range of tests including pap smears onto patients."

Senator O'Neill said cuts to subsidies to pathology services which would result in women having to pay \$30 for a pap test.

She said that other women's health centres on the Central Coast had also told her that many of their clients lived on low incomes and would put other daily essentials ahead of paying for the \$30 life-saving pap test.

Media release, 14 Jan 2016
Scott Coombes, Office of Deborah O'Neill

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Paul and Sue on the bikes they took across Australia



At the halfway point across the Nullabor

Local residents raise \$5000 for cerebral palsy

Woy Woy Bay residents Paul Lepora and Susan Douglas have raised nearly \$5000 for Cerebral Palsy by riding their motorbikes across Australia in December.

The motorbikes were transported by road to Perth and Mr Lepora and Ms Douglas flew out to collect them on December 16.

In their ride, they covered about 5000km and arrived home on Christmas Eve.

Their route covered Perth to Esperance (780km), Esperance to Madura (750km), Madura to Ceduna (760km), Ceduna to Port Augusta (600km) and then home via Broken Hill.

"We left Perth's King's Park at 5:30am on December 18," Paul recorded in his diary.

He described the first day as "an awesome experience" that included cracking tropical eucalyptus forest, golden rolling hills, semi-outback red sand, stumped gum trees and, eventually waist-high scrub.

"A beautiful land this is; on the way back south down to Esperance the trees came back and the sand went from red to yellow to white.

"Esperance is a paradise. I have never seen such white sand and blue sea."

On day two of their journey Paul and Susan crossed the Nullabor, stopping half way to make the 1400km crossing a bit more manageable.

Their Nallabor crossing was described as "500km on a straight road with just two or three petrol stations to break it up" and night two was spent in Madura "a petrol station with a motel".

Day three was marked by battling high cross-winds on the way to Ceduna which caused fuel consumption to go up: "Got to Ceduna this evening with just 12km range left," said Paul.

"But we crossed the Nallabor and what an experience; it's tough, arid, bleak but stunningly beautiful at the same time, a true unspoilt wilderness; a real privilege to have and the opportunity," he said.

On day four, the travelers were still battling wind and low-grade petrol but: "We found a sign saying half way across Australia; cool but a bit worrying. It is still a very long way to go."

Sue and Paul left Port Augusta on day five and travelled up and over the Flinders Ranges.

"We stopped in a lovely little town called Peterborough for breakfast then headed north towards Broken Hill," he said.

Broken Hill went on Paul's bucket list for future trips and day six saw the duo press on through Nyngan, Wilcannia, Cobar and an extra push to Dubbo.

"It is a bit hard to fathom exactly how big this country is and just how unbelievably empty it is.

"What an experience," Paul remarked in his final diary entry before setting out from Dubbo to make it home to the Bays in time for Christmas.

"It was well planned and researched, the bikes were 100 per cent, the weather was fabulous – a truly great crossing.

"The only rain we ended up experiencing the whole journey was when we turned into Kariiong," he said.

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Newsletter, 20 Jan 2016
Bob Puffett, Bays Community Group Inc

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Education

Assessment for childcare facility plan

A planning assessment is being conducted by Gosford Council following receipt of a development application to increase the capacity of a childcare facility at 433 Wards Hill Rd, Empire Bay.

Oxandra Capital Management Pty Ltd applied to Gosford Council on January 4 to make a Section

96 amendment to increase the capacity of their childcare facility from 75 children to 82.

No documents have been recorded on Gosford Council's online planning portal in support of the Section 96 application.

The Playhouse Preschool currently operates out of this address.

The original development application to operate a preschool at the premises was lodged with Gosford Council in 1995 but the Section 96 application relates to a DA that was lodged with and approved by Gosford Council in 2003.

Website, 19 Jan 2016
DA21574/2003.3, Gosford Council application search

Debut novel launched in Umina

Peninsula writer Mr Steve Reilly has launched his debut novel, Hidden Enemies, in Umina.

Mr Reilly said he was pleased with the novel's early success.

It is published by Brolga Publishing and distributed by Pan MacMillan and is available from bookshops throughout Australia.

The launch was held at Jasmine Greens Kiosk.

"It was a great start," Mr Reilly said.

"Now the book is being released in the United Kingdom with negotiations under way for a release in the United States," he said.

Mr Reilly said he liked to write each morning while his mind was fresh, but ignored grammar, spelling and structure, instead concentrating only on the ideas.

The afternoon was the time for

reviewing and Mr Reilly said he was not afraid to throw away the morning's work if it did not come from the characters.

"I once threw out 40,000 words because the plot had taken a wrong turn and I needed to backtrack," he said.

Hidden Enemies was written as a fantasy tale for teenagers and young adults, but Mr Reilly said it had something for all readers.

Mr Reilly's second novel, The Hopes of Kings, is currently with the publisher and is expected to be released in the second half of 2016 and he is currently working on his third tale, Return of Magic.

Locally, copies of the book can be found at the Book Bazaar at Umina, Jasmine Greens Kiosk and the Deepwater Newsagency.

The book is also available in electronic format.

Media release, 16 Dec 2015
Steve Reilly, Umina



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New parent representative on school council

Ms Vicki Dickinson has been elected as the parent representative on the Umina Beach Public School Council.

"Congratulations to Vicki who will commence her time on the School Council from 2016," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

"Our thanks also go to Amanda MacDonald for also nominating for the position," she said.

"There was a lot of interest in

the voting process with a record number of votes counted.

"Hannah Butler has served the parent community very well as their representative over the past two years and the School Council would like to thank her for her contribution."

Newsletter, 8 Dec 2015
Lyn Davis, Umina Beach Public School

Final development day held

The academic school year for the Peninsula's public schools concluded on Wednesday, December 16.

All staff at Ettalong Public School attended a final school development day for the year on Thursday, December 17.

The development day included CPR training and anaphylaxis response and treatment training.

Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis said: "We will

welcome back those in Years 1 to 6 on January 28 and those in Kindergarten on February 1.

"I will be leading the deployment of the Learning Management and Business Reform on the Central Coast for the first three terms of next year," Mr Wallis said.

"I know I am leaving the school in expert hands," he said.

Newsletter, 15 Dec 2015
Caolin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

School considers band project

Ettalong Public School is considering running a Primary Music Institute band project for its students in 2016.

Information sheets were sent home to families in the final weeks of term four.

Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis said he encouraged families to respond.

"There is still time if you are interested in your children being involved," Mr Wallis said.

Newsletter, 15 Dec 2015
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School



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Mandy Francis has Material Poetry exhibition

Ettalong sculptor, Ms Mandy Francis, was the headline exhibitor for the opening of the newly renovated Watt Space Gallery in Newcastle on Wednesday, December 9.

Titled 'Material Poetry', the works were a compilation of her PHD works.

The exhibition presented viewers with an array of sculptural installations, documentation and video installation.

"My sculptures are designed to

invite the audience to question the boundaries between art, politics and design." Ms Francis said.

Ms Francis has exhibited her work in a range of large exhibitions and residencies such as Sculpture By The Sea, Underbelly Arts Festival, Cockatoo Island and Echigo Tsumari Art Triennial in Japan, where she was also awarded for her skill and creativity.

Media release, 7 Dec 2015
Gabby Greyem, Jasmine Greens



The Troubalukers perform CC Rider on the CD

Third exhibition at Olive Branch

The Olive Branch Gallery in Umina, has just held its third exhibition this year, showing 72 works by more than 30 local Peninsula artists.

Artists also exhibited works including pottery, wood sculptures and prints and cards, on tables set up outside the gallery.

The ongoing exhibitions are held by Mr Noel Olive who turns

his home into an art gallery for the exhibitions.

Paintings were sold at this last exhibition commission free.

"We all greatly enjoy the experience and are already on the roster for 2016," said one of the artists, Ms Barbara Kelly.

Email, 16 Dec 2015
Barbara Kelly, Olive Branch Gallery

The Troubadour Folk Club at Woy Woy, which has been staging regular acoustic concerts for the past 16 years, has released its first CD.

"This recording gives us the chance to celebrate the talented local artists who have provided support for every guest artist we have ever featured in the concerts," said Troubadour president Mr Michael Fine.

"Many are singer-songwriters who have celebrated their home here in sometimes poignant, sometimes funny, always intelligent and well-crafted songs," Mr Fine said.

Mr Fine's own track, Why I live in Woy Woy, is a perennial favourite among Troubadour audiences.

Others include Hugh Worrall, with his take on the local weather: There's Lots of Water in Woy Woy.

Others have a wider geographical range, such as True Love Never Dies, by Marilyn and Frank Russell, which reflects on the lives of people commemorated on headstones in a local graveyard, Linda Campbell's Little Hope Flower, a melodic tribute to a walk with her father, in a local meadow.

Judy Robinson and Susie Lochhead celebrate the local op shop, The Blues Angels sing about coming home to Kincumber and Trish Peart sings her upbeat response to the garden bird which wakes her every morning in time for work.

"The wide range of styles and genres on the CD also reflect the variety of acoustic offerings our audiences have enjoyed over the years," said Mr Fine.

"We have the blues, from the Blues Angels and the Troubalukers performing CC Rider with a blistering harmonica solo from Tom Flood.

There is a protest song: Do We Really Belong, from George May, who can't resist adding a solid rock rhythm.

There are rollicking singalongs from Slightly Off with Great Old Whale, and Ian Smith with Just Breezin' Along.

An alarming take on the standard folk tale from Sue Robinson and the audience with Waltzing Matilda and a story from the nationally renowned bush

balladeer Peter Mace.

"We are launching the CD at a special concert at the Woy Woy CWA Hall (which also features on the cover) at 7pm on Saturday, February 6.

"The entry will cost \$15 and will include a copy of the CD in the ticket," Mr Fine said.

Media release, 18 Jan 2016
Marilyn Russell,
Troubadour Folk Club

Folk club releases first CD

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The team from the 2015 Woy Woy Little Theatre Company's Flash Festival

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Little Theatre calls for writers

Woy Woy Little Theatre is calling for applications from writers interested in writing a script for the third annual Flash Festival that will be held over three days from Friday, July 1.

The festival will feature 10 flash scripts running between five and 15 minutes in length.

Woy Woy Little Theatre president Ms Christine Vale said: "Instead of a class of 15 writers collectively being coached by a professional tutor, this year our writing workshop is more focused on mentoring writers on a one-to-one basis as they develop their flash script for the festival."

"But to do this, we need the writers draft scripts or outlines in advance.

"The workshop will be held on one day, Sunday February 14 for those with a love of writing and run by Ms Suzanne Hauser," Ms Vale said.

This years running word is 'wave' which requires scripts to use this word at least once.

Those interested can apply at www.woywoylt.com.au or www.CCFlashFestival.com with a script draft or script outline of plan before Wednesday, February 3.

Successful applicants will be notified and required to pay for the workshop.

All drafts and outlines will be forwarded on to Ms Hauser for preparation for the workshop.

Media release, 19 Jan 2016

David Wicks, Woy Woy Little Theatre



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Umina SLSC nippers and their families collected sea debris from the beach on Sunday, January 10



Umina SLSC nippers are participating in the Take 3 for the Sea program



Umina SLSC nippers learning about plastic debris



Umina SLSC nippers participating in the Take 3 for the Sea project



Umina SLSC nippers Take 3 for the Sea

Rubbish collection campaign

Umina Surf Life Saving Club nippers joined the Take 3 for the Sea campaign on Sunday, January 10, by collecting rubbish from the beach and learning about sea debris.

The project, which is supported by Gosford Council and started on the Central Coast, is now in its second season and has 12 surf life saving clubs on board in NSW.

Take 3 organiser Ms Sarah Beard said she was hopeful that Ocean Beach SLSC would also join the program.

"We are looking to engage more surf life saving clubs on the Coast,"

Ms Beard said. "The Take 3 message is simple," she said.

"Take three pieces of rubbish with you when you leave the beach, waterway or anywhere and you have made a difference.

"Marine debris, particularly plastic, has a disastrous impact in our oceans on marine life and, ultimately, us.

"We can greatly reduce the amount of marine debris in our oceans by preventing it from getting there in the first place.

"We encourage people to refuse disposable plastic, reduce, re-use, recycle and respond by picking up

rubbish. "Our aim is to stop the impacts of plastic pollution through education and participation.

"We want to educate the world about this complex problem by inspiring simple actions.

"Take 3 won the inaugural Taronga Conservation Society Green Grant in 2011 and has since grown from a grass-roots organisation to a global voice on marine debris," she said.

In addition to their surf life saving club program, Take 3 also has a school program for primary and secondary schools, source reduction and partnership programs with local councils and an ambassador program.

As a participating club, Umina Surf Club and particularly the club's nippers are expected to increase community awareness of marine debris and impacts on oceans, waterways and life, increase participation of club members in sustainability education, remove debris from local beaches, reserves and waterways, and increase the role of surf life saving clubs as environmental champions.

Media release, 13 Jan 2016
Sarah Beard, Take 3

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Local clubs in surf boat event



Fran Kendall (centre) performed with the Frantastics at the Peninsula Community Centre

Choir seeks new members

Two Peninsula clubs will compete at the fifth round of the NSW arm of the 2015-16 Team Navy Australian Surf Rowers League (ASRL) Series comes to Manly SLSC, followed by the National Short Course Championships on January 23-24.

Umina and Ocean Beach SLSCs will compete over the weekend.

Divisions of surfboat racing being contested include Open Men, Open Women, Reserve Men, Reserve Women, Under 23 Male, Under 23 Female, Under 19 Men, Under 19 Female, Mixed and Masters.

More than 200 crews and over 1000 competitors representing approximately 100 clubs from across the state and country, who

are also volunteer surf lifesavers competing in the Team Navy ASRL Series, will battle it out on the beach.

The Team Navy Series will be fast and furious.

A race distance of 400 metres with wet starts and finishes will ensure tight racing with crews determined to start fast through the break to set themselves up for a good finish.

Great viewing will be available from the beach with parking close by.

The Team Navy events act as the local qualifying series for the chance to represent NSW at the Team Navy ASRL Interstate Championships at Shellharbour, NSW from February 19-21, 2016.

This is Australia's biggest stand-alone surf boat event.

Media release, Jan 19, 2016
Darren Saffin, Progressive PR

The Frantastics Choir will hold its registration day on Monday, February 1, at 12.30pm at the Walter Baker Hall in Woy Woy.

New members are welcome and there are no auditions.

The only requirements are a love of singing and a desire to make new, long-lasting friends.

The choir's founder and director, Ms Fran Kendall, said: "The large number of bookings for 2016 are an indication of the popularity of the group which not only sings popular songs in three-part harmony but also entertains audiences with solos, duos, quartets, comic skits and hilarious melodrama.

"This year the choir celebrates its 10th year with many founding members still enjoying the companionship and relaxed atmosphere as well as the joy of

singing.

"Groups who book the choir, sometimes more than twice a year, include Meals on Wheels, 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre, Probus clubs and retirement

villages."

For information about bookings or joining the choir, go to www.frantastics.org.

Email, 15 Jan 2016
Ms Fran Kendall, Frantastics Choir

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The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Tuesday, Jan 26

Australia Day welcome ceremony and breakfast, Wagstaffe Hall, 8am

Pearl Beach Australia Day activities, 8am to 12pm

Woy Woy Australia Day Celebration, The Boulevard and Brick Wharf Road from 2pm with fireworks at 9:15pm

Good Morning Ettalong featuring Lucky Starr, Dryan Davies and Roland Storm, Ettalong Diggers, doors open 10am

Brisbane Water Blues Cruise featuring Doggin It and Johnny Devilseed and Old Man Rubes, from 10am

Saturday, Jan 30

The Springstein and Neil Diamond Show, Ettalong Bowling Club

January Deadly Young Aboriginal Surf Program, Umina Beach 9am to 5pm

Sunday, Jan 31

The Bays Community Group Inc first community breakfast for 2016 at The Ways Community Hall, 19 Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay from 8:30 am to 10:30am

Rewind Duo, Patonga Beach Hotel, featuring Margaret Rew, 7:30pm

Monday, Feb 1

Frantastic Choir registration day, no audition necessary, Walter Baker Hall, Woy Woy, 12:30pm

Wednesday, Feb 3

Closing date for writers to express interest in submitting scripts for 2016 Woy Woy Little Theatre's Flash Festival

Umina Library Book Club, new members welcome, 10:30am to 11:30am

Thursday, Feb 4

Adam Brand and the Outlaws,

Ettalong Diggers, doors open 8pm

Woy Woy Library Book Club, topic will be books read during the holidays, 2pm to 3pm

Saturday, Feb 6

Troubadour Tracks CD launch, Woy Woy CWA Hall, 7pm, \$7 entry with free CD included

Monday, Feb 8

Reading Buddies at Woy Woy Library, does your child need help with reading? Join the reading buddies program that will run until Apr 18

Primary Book Club, Umina Library for ages eight to 12, 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Tuesday, Feb 9

Reading Buddies at Umina Library for children who need help with reading, running until April 12.

If you've got something happening on the Peninsula over the next few weeks, let us know about it and we'll list it here for you, for free. Contact details are on page 2. See the Coast Community News for events in post code areas 2250, 2251 & 2260 and the Wyong Regional Chronicle for events in post code areas 2258, 2259, 2261, 2262 & 2263

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Research confirms ongoing effectiveness of traditional advertising

Based on their research and worldwide experience, international marketing company NRS Media has provided the following 10 compelling statistics to help convince small to medium enterprises (SMEs) of the effectiveness of advertising in traditional mediums.

As small businesses have a limited budget, they're often cautious about investing in marketing, so having some real facts and figures can help them justify their expenditure.

1. \$1 spent on advertising benefits an SME 8x as much as a larger firm

Small businesses are often wary about spending money on advertising, wrongly thinking it's the sole realm of big companies. But even though they have less money to spend, they will see more impact when they do advertise.

2. An investment of \$1 in newspaper advertising gives an average return of \$11.89 in revenue

According to research by the Direct Marketing Association, the return that small businesses can get when they invest in newspaper advertising is eleven times their expenditure. See the research by the DMA at <http://printinthemix.com/fastfacts/show/414>.

3. Advertising is the second most effective marketing method, behind word of mouth

Some people think advertising doesn't work, or that they'd be better investing their time in social media. But only 35% of small businesses think social media is successful. Advertising and word of mouth are both more effective.

4. 64% of SMEs say their advertising has been a success

Small businesses might think advertising only works if you're a big corporate but that's simply not true. Even more small businesses could experience success if they had the support of a media partner who could guide them to create the most effective campaign.

5. 61% of small businesses with high levels of growth advertise, consult marketing advisers, or have their own marketing experts. Only 43% of small businesses not experiencing growth do

If you need to grow their business, advertising is important. It's actually one of three elements that marks out high-growth businesses from other SMEs.

6. An estimated 46% of digital ad impressions aren't actually seen by people

This shocking figure is a surprise to many people. Why pay for adverts that can't be viewed?

7. Clickthrough rates from online ads are falling, from 9% in 2000 to just 0.2% in 2012

As we face more and more digital noise, online ads are becoming less effective. Not only are they less likely to be seen, they're also less likely to be clicked. That makes it much harder to reach out to people. The figure is likely to be less again in 2015. Traditional advertising can help.

8. TV, newspaper and magazine advertising is more likely to be noticed than online ads

As we face more and more digital noise, online ads are becoming less effective.

9. Traditional media is also more likely to be trusted

Newspaper, magazines and TV ads all have the highest level of trust, at 63%, 62% and 61% respectively. Radio and billboards aren't far behind and are trusted by 58% and 55% of consumers. However, online ads are less trusted, with search ads coming in at 44%. That drops to 33% for banner ads. It makes sense for small businesses to place their budget into areas where they can influence people and grow trust. These statistics show that that area is traditional advertising.

10. 88% of consumers still use print to get information

Despite what some people say, print is far from dead. So if you are worried that people don't use print anymore, this research can help. It showed that 63% of people like print ads, compared to just 25% for online adverts.

This information has been supplied based on newspapers of all types and sizes around the world. The trust and effectiveness factor will be far higher for newspapers such as those published under the Central Coast newspapers banner, as they are highly regarded for their content and are read from cover to cover because of their relevance to their readership and longer shelf life.



Shaye Booth won swimmer of the meet at the Coast and Valley Summer Championships held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre

Summer swimming championships at Woy Woy

The Coast and Valley Swimming Association summer championships were held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy on December 5 and 6.

Five Central Coast clubs competed in the championship: Kincumber Pacific Dolphins,

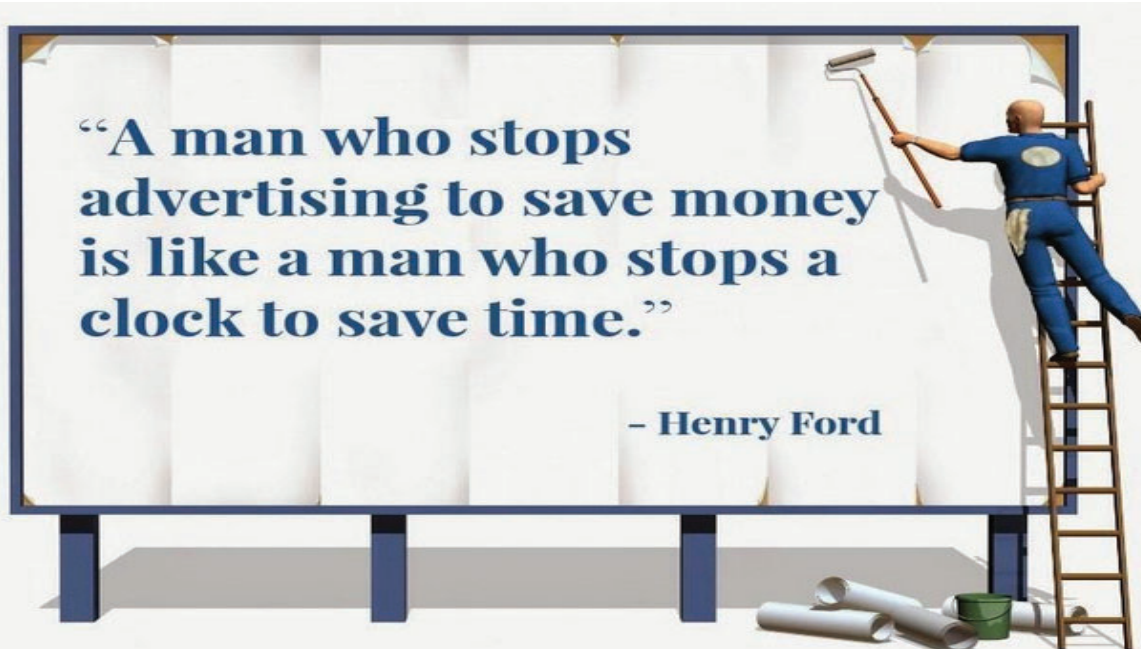
Mingara, Titan, Woy Woy and Gosford.

Woy Woy achieved the third highest medal count of the Central Coast clubs which competed.

The Woy Woy club won seven female and five male medals, as well as 11 gold medals, 11 silver and 22 bronze at the meeting.

Second-place in the overall point score for the championship was awarded to a Central Coast Club, Mingara and the male swimmer of the meet was Shaye Booth from Mingara.

Email, 11 Dec 2015
Michelle Burley-Jones, Coast and Valley Swimming Association



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First charity day for the year

Central Coast Kids in Need Charity Bowls kicked off its fund raising efforts for 2016 with 54 bowlers attending Sporties at Woy Woy on Sunday, January 17.

The day raised \$1000 for Central Coast Kids in Need bringing their 2016 figure to \$2300.

The Spider Glass was won by John McDonald, a first time winner.

Bob Pickard picked up the cash for the Spider Tray.

The lucky rink draw was won by Mick Stone over Laurie McAnally.

Bill Shanahan won the Wednesday Morning Bowlers' Hamper while meat trays were won by Bob Willis, Peter Milson and Barbara Azzopardi won the carton donated by Ray Wise.

Julie Bath won a shopping

voucher and plenty of other prizes. John Hughes won the cinema tickets.

Bea Seagrott won a vegetable box.

The next charity day will be held on Sunday, February 21.

Central Coast Kids in Need raises money to assist families who have seriously ill children with prolonged illness.

Most of these children are cancer patients others have organ transplants and there are premature babies with life-threatening issues.

The money is used to defray the cost of accommodation for the families while the children are receiving treatment.

Newsletter, 17 Jan 2016
Ken Dixon, Central Coast Kids in Need Charity Bowls

Nippers to compete in Wave Warriors Challenge

Nippers from Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club will travel to Newport to compete in the Wave Warriors Junior Challenge on Saturday, January 30.

A new Ocean Swim Run event that is open to everyone aged five to 60 plus years is being held from 7am to 8:30am prior to the Wave Warriors kicking off at 9am.

Champion Ironman Zane Holmes created the Wave Warriors Junior Challenge, an annual event

now in its fifth year which attracts competitors from across Australia and New Zealand.

The Wave Warriors Junior Challenge is open to competitors from under nine to under 15 years olds and is a beach and surf spectacular, set up to mirror the famous Ironman series and promote further development for junior lifesavers in this iconic Aussie sport.

"My goal was to create a unique ocean and beach spectacular for junior lifesavers (nippers) so they

can come together from around Australia to participate in an exciting competition," Mr Holmes said

The competition is about participation and fun, encouraging youngest athletes towards a healthy and active lifestyle and encouraging them to continue their participation in the sport and to become future volunteer patrolling lifesavers at their local surf lifesaving clubs.

Media release, 18 Jan 2016
Darren Saffin, Progressive PR

Eighty four bowlers compete in Pig and Duck Day

Sporties at Woy Woy Bowling Club held their annual Pig and Duck Day on Saturday, December 5.

Twenty-eight teams of three played two games of eleven ends each.

The prizes for the day's

competition were legs of ham, turkeys and pork.

It went down to the wire and the eventual winners were Matt Lynch, Paul Thomas and Dave Bowman.

Email, 7 Dec 2015
John Orme, Sporties@Woy Woy

Boxing before school is proving successful

Boxing at Sunrise is continuing to be a big success at the Umina Police and Community Youth Club (PCYC).

"Local Aboriginal lads have been training the house down," said club manager, Mr Martin Eddy.

Early morning training takes place with boxing instructor, Joel Keegan and the PCYC Boxing institute team on Thursday and Friday mornings.

After training, participants have a good breakfast and then make their way to school.

More participants are welcome.

Newsletter, 4 Dec 2015
Martin Eddy, Umina PCYC

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John Kenney: The life of a sports administrator

The administration of soccer, rugby league, rugby union, Australian rules and cricket has been an enormous part of Mr John Kenney's life on the Peninsula.

Mr Kenney operates on a big picture scale.

He talks about sport, history, community and business as if they are inseparably linked entities.

One will always need the other in order to prosper in his eyes.

Mr Kenney defines himself as a sport administrator, a role he took up around 1970.

"You mostly work behind the scenes and make connections happen," Mr Kenney said.

"When you want to build a team of players, everyone is important," he said.

"Even the boys who carry the

bottles of cold water on the field.

"It is all one large team."

Mr Kenney raises both hands in the air with open palms.

"You see these open hands?"

"Everything can come through my fingers and I cannot stop it."

He then brings both hands together in a closed fist.

"You see now?"

"Nothing will come through this: if we are fragmented we fall; if we are united we stand undefeated."

This philosophy has assisted Mr Kenney in building many strong teams along the years for soccer, rugby league, rugby union, Australian rules and cricket associations.

Although he is the current vice president of the Woy Woy Rugby Union, Mr Kenney sees a clear line joining all types of sport.

"My passion for sport comes

from believing it is one of best ways we have to create better citizens on our streets.

"Sport builds character... especially when you lose a match or a tournament...nothing is ever lost."

Mr Kenney is one of the original advocates who spoke to Gosford Council about the need for a new Woy Woy Oval.

He acknowledges that council is doing a great job in taking this project on since it is a long and difficult process.

In his opinion the voice of the community has been heard and taken into account from start to finish.

"The best results in my book come when no one cares who gets the credit," he said.

The new oval will feature a modern urban landscape with coffee shops that welcome people beyond sport seasons.

"The new oval will be a great asset for everyone not just for the sport community," he said.

"I hope this new work will be a platform for sport, business and community launching the Peninsula to new heights."

This interview is part of the collection of stories on the sporting culture of Woy Woy.

An artistic mural will be developed in February as a feature of the new oval and Gosford Council in association with Woy Woy library will be collecting photographs to be used as source material for the mural.

Community members who have photographs of local sporting events, actions or occasions who would like those photographs to be considered as part of the mural



John Kenney has been involved in sports administration on the Peninsula for many years

can bring their photos to Woy Woy Library from Tuesday, February 9 to Saturday, February 13.

Photos will be scanned and returned on the spot.

They will be used to create a public mural as well as becoming part of Gosford City Council

archival collection of the Peninsula history and culture.

For more information contact project officer Coralie McPhie on 4325 8429 or email coralie.mcphie@gosford.nsw.gov.au.

Interview, 9 Dec 2016
John Kenney, Woy Woy

Surf program at Umina Beach

The Deadly Young Aboriginal Surf Program will be held on Saturday, January 30, at Umina Beach.

The free program operates every year and includes beach-safety as well as learn-to-surf workshops.

The program is available for young indigenous Australians.

Three sessions will be held on the day between 9am and 5pm.

One one-hour session will be

held for participants aged between eight and nine years and two 1.5 hour sessions will be held for those aged between 10 and 16 years.

Participants will be notified of session times closer to event date, as they depend on tides.

Booking is essential and can be made by calling 4325 8850, or emailing mikell.borg@gosford.nsw.gov.au.

Newsletter, Jan 15, 2016
Mikell Borg, Gosford Council

Tide Chart

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Umina Bunnies fight suspension

The Umina Bunnies Rugby League Club is fighting suspension from the 2016 Central Coast Rugby League competition.

The club has started a campaign on the website communityrun.org called Rally Round the Banner of Umina.

It hopes to gain community support for an appeal against the club's suspension.

The club says it will appeal a decision suspending it from the 2016 Central Coast Rugby League competition.

Vice president Mr Troy Mansell said the committee had met for over two hours with the club's solicitor and the club would be "100 per cent appealing the decision to suspend our admission into this year's competition".

"We are extremely confident, and I will say again to emphasise, extremely confident that we will be successful in this appeal," Mr Mansell said.

"We have a plan and we are working overtime to make this happen," he said.

Mr Mansell said that plan included steps to ensure outstanding payments would be

made to players and creditors.

"We will push forward with what we have been doing currently, fundraising and planning for this year's competition and promoting our club in every way possible," he said.

According to the online campaign, the club has acquired old and new sponsors this year.

"To be removed from the competition not only causes undue suffering for the players and club management but also for the community members and organisations that the club is supporting and working with this year," the petition stated.

"It hinders the partnerships planned between the seniors and juniors of the club as well as the Netball Bunnies.

Comments from residents who have signed the online petition included as their reasons for signing: "The Peninsula wouldn't be the same without the Umina Bunnies."

The Umina Bunnies facebook page links to the communityrun.org online petition.

**Websites, 21 Jan 2016
Umina Beach Rugby
League FC Facebook**



Former Woy Woy Rugby Union president Stuart McGoldrick (left) presents a cheque for \$2,750 to Bill Ide of the Umina Men's Shed

Support for Men's Shed

When famous Wallaby captain Nick Farr-Jones spoke at Woy Woy Rugby Union's season launch in 2013, a decision was made to make the Umina Men's Shed the club's chosen charity.

The decision was to make a donation to an institution catering for local people, engendering camaraderie within the local community.

It was an effort to show that the Rugby Union Club was not simply for the enjoyment of its players and supporters but for a wider selection of local people.

As long-time committeeman and former president Mr John Kenney said: "We talk about the game teaching young people that life is not all about winning nor

about personal gain, but about team work and helping others, so what better way to show it than by forming an association with the Men's Shed which has much the same ethos."

Following launches in 2014 and 2015 featuring equally famous Wallaby captains, John Eales and George Gregan, the club has donated almost \$8000 to help the Men's Shed.

In return, the club has been given a magnificent hand-crafted lectern and several Men's Shed members now attend the games.

Club president Brian Macauley, a former NSW representative, said the association with the Men's Shed has proven one of its best moves.

"It's been great to get more community support and to help

such a valuable institution."

Men's Shed president, local lawyer, Darrell Pannowitz, is equally enthused.

"We are appreciative of the financial support given which has allowed us to buy some valuable equipment and it's very pleasing to see some of our members enjoying the games on a Saturday afternoon."

This year's launch, to be held at Ettalong Diggers on February 26, will feature another famous Wallaby, Mark Ella, the first indigenous captain of any national sporting team, as well as Gordon Bray, "the Voice of Rugby".

The club is confident that this year's donation will take the total to over \$10,000.

**Article, 18 Jan 2016
Peter Fenton, Woy Woy
Rugby Union Club**



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